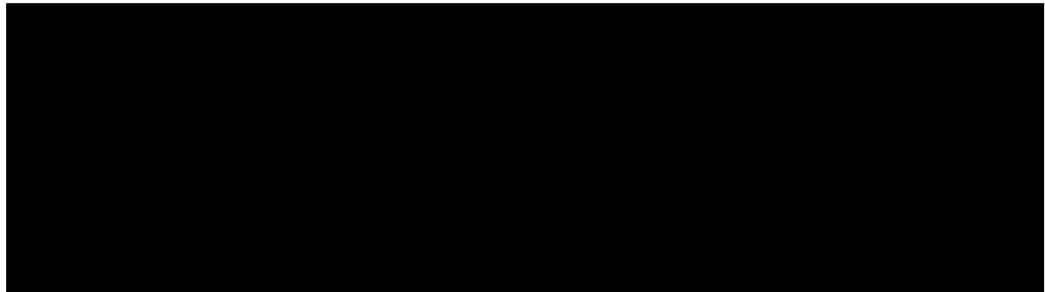2 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel
for Special Programs

SUBJECT   : Potential GAO Audit of Agency
Programs

REFERENCE   : A. Memo, Same Subj, from Chairman,
GAO Task Force, dtd 13 Aug '75

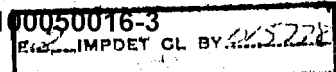B. Memo, Same Subj, from EA/DPers,
dtd 27 Aug '75

1. In response to referent memoranda, two areas
of restriction are hereby reported with respect to
Benefits and Services Division activities.

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   b. Suggestion and Achievement Awards. Cases
on file in the Suggestion and Achievement Awards
Program holdings are originated in and pertain to
situations in all components of the Agency. Thus,
the files contain the basic ideas, inventions,
achievements, accomplishments as well as evalua-
tions and results from all directorates. A limited
number of the total volume of cases encompass sen-
sitive and controlled material such as: new covert
action ideas, operational breakthroughs, spectacular
recruitments of high intelligence potential, and
technical and scientific discoveries of unique value
to the Agency's special missions and the Nation's
special intelligence objectives. The knowledge of
such cases has been limited to a very few Agency
officials such as the Director of Central Intelligence,
one or two deputy directors, an Office Director or

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Division Chief, the Chairman of the Agency's
Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee and
the three Members of the DDO Special Panel. If
the GAO Auditors wished to review files of the
types of cases described above, our staff would
refer them to appropriate representatives of the
directorates involved with the substance of the
material. We would then request that the operat-
ing component meet with the GAO Auditor and
decide what material, if any, they wished to
release.

2. There are no other areas of activity in Benefits
and Services Division which require restrictions mentioned
in referent memoranda.

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Chief, Benefits and Services Division

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